

City of Blue Lake  
City Council Regular Meeting  
Skinner Store – 111 Greenwood Ave., Blue Lake, CA  
October 13, 2015  
MINUTES

The Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Jean Lynch, John Sawatzky, Adelene Jones, Michele McCall-Wallace, Stephen Kullmann

Councilmembers Absent: None

Staff Present: City Clerk April Sousa, Assistant City Manager Vicki Hutton, City Planner Garry Rees

**Motion to Approve the Agenda**

Councilmember Jones *motioned to approve the agenda as presented.* Councilmember Kullmann seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Input**

none

**Planning Commission Recommendations: a. Recommending Amendment of Section 707, 708, 712, & 713 – Amendments of the Blue Lake Zoning Ordinance No. 382, as Amended; b. Recommending Adoption of a Grading, Erosion, and Sediment Control Ordinance and an Ordinance Establishing a Board of Appeals Relative to Interpretations of the Building Official and/or City Engineer of the Ordinance Regulating Grading, Erosion, and Sediment Control**

City Planner Rees gave an overview of both Planning Commission recommendations.

He summarized that the first recommendation, Recommending Amendment of Section 707, 708, 712, & 713, would eliminate time limits, which can inhibit the planning project process. Next steps were discussed.

Councilmember Jones *motioned to schedule a public hearing for the 27<sup>th</sup> of October, 2015.*

Councilmember Sawatzky seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

City Planner Rees summarized the reasons for why Blue Lake needs the recommended Grading ordinance as well as the Board of Appeals ordinance. Clarifying questions were asked regarding the Board of Appeals and the size of grading projects. Clarification was also made as to how the grading ordinance would affect restoration projects.

Council discussed how a Board of Appeals would be appointed. There was concern with the ordinance stating that the Building Official should be taking the minutes during an appeal due to a possible conflict of interest.

Council asked for more review of both ordinances. It was suggested that the Board of Appeals ordinance be reviewed in conjunction with the already established Board of Appeals ordinance for the building code. It was asked that language be added to the grading ordinance which allows for leniency for restoration projects. It was also suggested to have the City Attorney further review both ordinances.

**Logger Bar Informational Report as Related to Ordinance 457**

The informational report by City Manager Berchtold was discussed. Mayor McCall-Wallace gave a summary of what was discussed at the last meeting, and noted that the Sheriff Department has been notified that the Logger Bar is under a non-conforming use.

City Planner Rees gave an overview of how the nuisance abatement procedure was recently implemented for the issues at 650 Chartin Way as an example of the process. It was noted that the process of nuisance abatement is a last resort.

Mayor McCall-Wallace mentioned that it would be best if the parties involved would resolve the problem between themselves instead of the City having to spend the money for this process. Also mentioned was that the burden would be on the City to prove that a nuisance exists using objective, not subjective, measures.

Mayor McCall-Wallace summarized that at this time, the City has followed up as needed, and that the matter was complete at this time.

### **Fundraising Proposal from Blue Lake Saddle Club**

Darcey Lima, Blue Lake resident, spoke on this item. She stated that at this time, the Saddle Club was pulling their proposal for fundraising and that the club would be looking at becoming a more cohesive group.

She also mentioned that she would like the Council to consider the money that is currently received for Horse Arena keys be earmarked for fencing and sprinkler repairs.

Bettina Eipper, Blue Lake resident, noted that she is working with the Parks and Recreation Department on an activity and facility rental in November.

### **Resolution No. 1064: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Blue Lake Setting Forth Terms and Conditions for Individuals who Desire to Volunteer their Services to the City of Blue Lake and Directing the City Manager and Subordinates to Implement the Same**

City Clerk Sousa gave an overview of Resolution 1064 and that it was created using Public Agency Risk Sharing Agency of California's (PARSAC's) best practices model.

Several concerns were mentioned regarding the application and layers of the process.

Council asked for staff to review other local and PARSAC cities to get a better idea of what others are doing. The desire is to have a simpler procedure.

No action was taken on this item.

### **Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) Discussion on Proposed Direction Regarding to Money for Streets**

Mayor McCall-Wallace gave an overview of the information from HCAOG. Council was asked for their opinion on how HCAOG should focus funds in regards to transportation revenue needs. One option is to move forward with the steps necessary to fund a local transportation revenue options public poll about feasibility of transportation sales tax to be conducted this fall. This sales tax would go towards transportation needs, like the gas tax. Clarification was made that Blue Lake uses this money for busses and streets. Another option would be to place support to direct HCAOG staff to look at other ways to work with Northern California Counties to support our transportation needs, such as hiring a lobbyist and working to address the problem through the Northern California region. Council gave input including comments both for as well as cautiousness of using a lobbyist, and comments regarding an added sales tax measure. Mayor McCall-Wallace will take this back to HCAOG.

### **November and December Council Meeting Dates**

Council discussed the regular meeting dates for November and December.

Councilmember Jones *motioned to set the regular Council meeting dates for November and December as November 10 and December 8, canceling November 24 and December 22.*

Councilmember Sawatzky seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that if another meeting in December was needed it could be scheduled for December 15, 2015.

### **Set Date for Public Hearing for unmet Transit Needs in November 2015**

Councilmember Sawatzky *motioned to set the Public Hearing for Unmet Transit Needs for November 10, 2015 at the regular Council meeting.* Councilmember Kullmann seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Consent Agenda**

Councilmember Kullmann *motioned to accept Consent Agenda item a: Minutes from September 22, 2015, and item b: Warrants and Disbursements September 2015.* Councilmember Swatazky seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Reports of Council and Staff**

Councilmember Jones reported that she is unable to attend the upcoming Humboldt Waste Management Authority (HWMA) meeting on November 12, 2015, and asked for the alternate, Councilmember Sawatzky, to attend in her place. She also mentioned a few local upcoming events to Council.

Councilmember Lynch had nothing to report, but mentioned that soon she would have information regarding the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) for Council. Mayor McCall-Wallace mentioned that there will be a Conflict of Interest Waiver for the City Attorney related to this at an upcoming meeting as well

Councilmember Sawatzky reported on the recent Redwood Regional Economic Development Committee (RREDC) meeting as well as recent volunteer time at Hoptoberfest.

Councilmember Kullmann had nothing to report.

Mayor McCall-Wallace reported on the recent Public Safety Commission (PSC) meeting and their efforts on the brochure. She reminded Council that Council already approved a \$500 budget. She mentioned a recent grant approval from PARSAC and also brought forward information about Marijuana Bills that recently were signed.

Assistant City Manager Hutton commented that the Perigot Park project was officially underway.

### **Future Agenda Items**

- Horse Arena Key Revenue Allocation
- Budget Review Committee – information and ideas brought to the next Council meeting where all Councilmembers will be present (December)

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Councilmember Kullmann *motioned to adjourn.* Councilmember Sawatzky seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

April Sousa,  
City Clerk